

FACT SHEET

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Palmer Warehouse

Houston, Texas

Emergency Removal

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- Palmer Warehouse is an operating warehouse located in a predominately residential area of Houston.
- The threat at this facility consists of 63 drums of material which was abandoned at the warehouse. Additionally, abandoned photographic and printing chemicals are present. The owners of the material are currently serving time for fraud against the United States.
- The drums are in poor condition and deteriorating. The photographic material is stored in boxes containing four 1-gallon jugs each. Some of the photographic materials have begun to leak. Workers at the warehouse and the general public are at the greatest risk of exposure. Several of the substances are potentially cyanide producing when mixed with incompatible materials.
- The situation qualifies as an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare or the environment.
- As these materials are considered products and not wastes, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act does not apply.
- The warehouse is owned by Houston-St. Louis Properties, Ltd, of which the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company is a partner, and operated by Palmer Warehouse & Transfer Company, Inc. Respondents have expressed a willingness to undertake response actions during meetings with EPA staff.

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